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1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES OF EUROPEAN OFFICIALS CONCERNING US ATTITUDE TOWARD VARIOUS PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN US/EUROPEAN CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM AND SPECIFICALLY TOWARD TINDEMANS' REPORT PROPOSAL FOR US/EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS, THE POST MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- THE US IS NOT DISSATISFIED WITH CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR US/EUROPEAN CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE THIS ISSUE BECOME THE SUBJECT OF A DIVISIVE TRANSATLANTIC OR INTRA-EUROPEAN DEBATE.

-- AT THE SAME TIME, THE US REMAINS OPEN TO EUROPEAN INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF OUR RELATIONS, INCLUDING CONSULTATIONS AND WAYS OF MAKING OUR RESPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL POLICIES AS HARMONIOUS AND MUTUALLY COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT CHANGES THAT MIGHT

REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE EVOLVED RECENTLY. BUT WE ARE QUITE READY TO CONSIDER WHATEVER SUGGESTIONS THE EUROPEANS MIGHT ELECT TO MAKE, AND RECOGNIZE THAT AS THE PROCESS OF UNIFICATION PROGRESSES THERE MAY BE ADAPTATIONS OF EXISTING PROCESSES. OUR MAJOR CRITERIA WILL ALWAYS BE EFFECTIVENESS AND PROMOTION OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS.

2. FYI. COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT MADE THE ABOVE POINTS IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SOAMES DURING A SOCIAL OCCASION LAST MONTH IN BRUSSELS. KISSINGER

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